

Quantum Simulations: an overview

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“DIGITIZED” SIMULATION

“ANALOG” SIMULATIONS

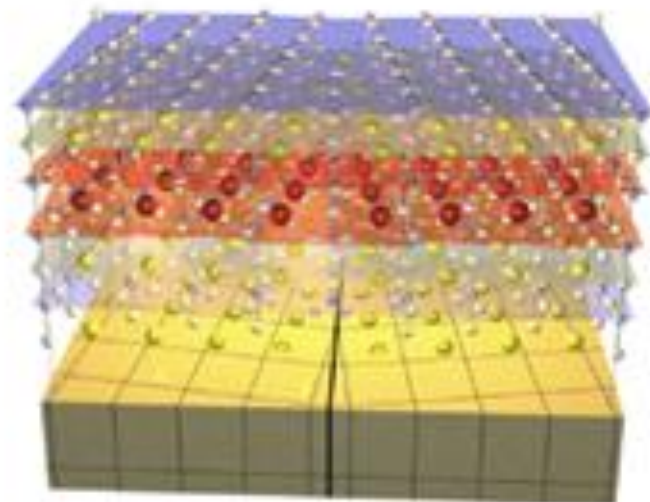
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COLD TRAPPED ATOMS AND IONS

4. SIMULATIONS -AND NATURE’S “ANALOGUES”

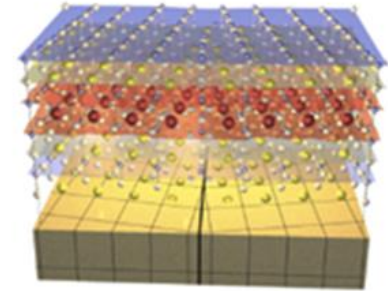
PHYSICAL SYSTEM



(Phenomenological) Hamiltonian

$$H = \dots$$

Simulation

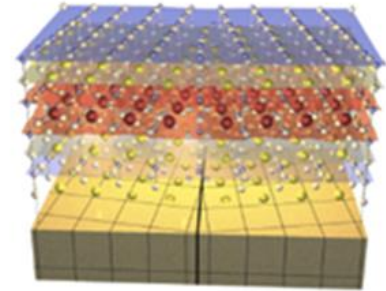


We want to compute :

- Ground state (correlation, entanglement properties, many-body structure...)
- Excited states.
- Phase structure, phase transitions.
- Dynamics.
- Decoherence.

Simulations

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_1 |000\dots 0\rangle + \alpha_2 |000\dots 1\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{2^N} |111\dots 1\rangle$$

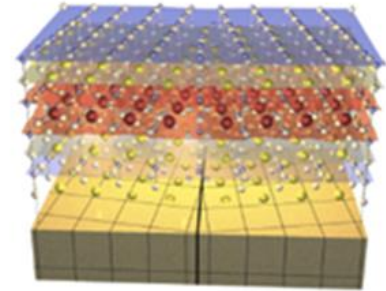


-*Exact simulations* on a classical computer are possible for 30-40 spins.

Each time we increase the size by one Qbit we need to **double the memory** and computational power.

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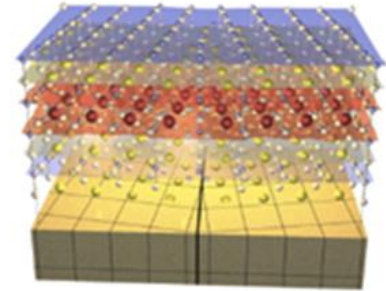


to circumvent the problem....:

- Various *approximations*: Mean field, variational, Hartree-Fock, etc.
- Approximate simulation* methods: DMRG or MPS, Monte-Carlo, etc.

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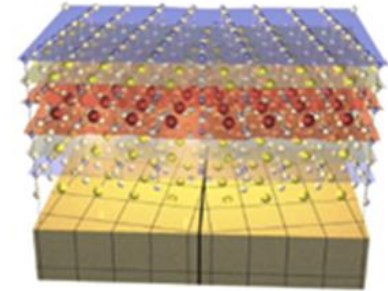


Insufficient when **entanglement is too large**:

- Close to **phase transitions**: all scales contribute.
- For **Non-perturbative** problem: all scales contribute

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Lattice field theory: invented by **K. Wilson** in the 70ts.
to deal with non-perturbative effects (uses Monte Carlo methods)

But this fails for systems with too many Fermion.
(Known as the “sign problem”).
Same problem appears in Cond. Matter Frustrated systems.



Simulating Physics with Computers

Richard P. Feynman

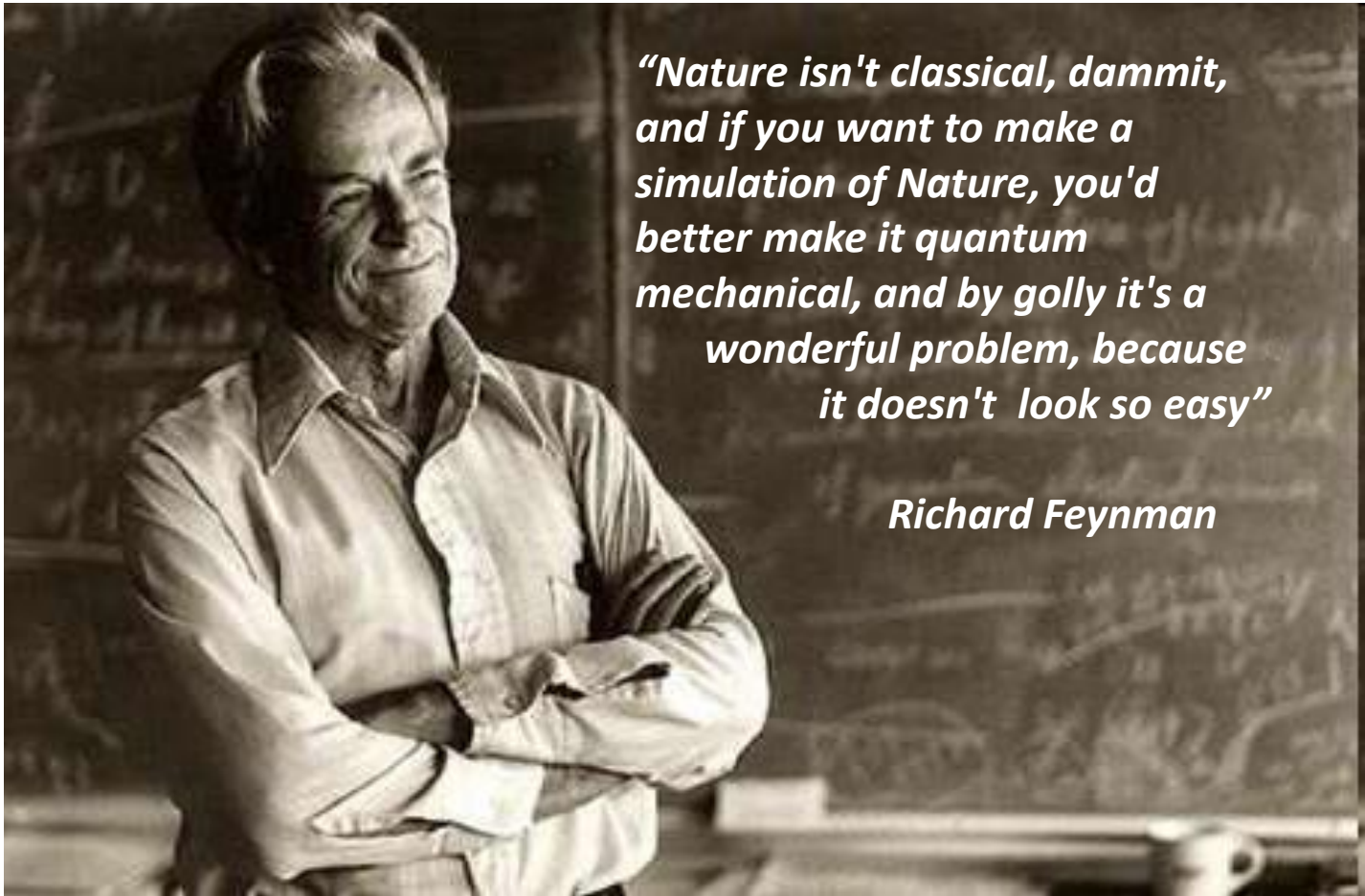
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1. INTRODUCTION

On the program it says this is a keynote speech—and I don't know what a keynote speech is. I do not intend in any way to suggest what should be in this meeting as a keynote of the subjects or anything like that. I have

be understood very well in analyzing the situation. And I'm not happy with all the analyses that go with just the classical theory, because nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy. Thank you.



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Quantum simulations !

*“Simulating Physics with Computers”,
International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Vol 21, Nos. 6/7, 1982*

Quantum Simulators

Digital

Seth Lloyd (96): *Quantum computers are universal quantum simulators.*

Idea: use small time steps (Trotter's formula)

$$H = \sum_i h_i$$

$$U = e^{iHt} = (e^{ih_1 t/n} e^{ih_2 t/n} \dots e^{ih_N t/n})^n$$

Where each time steps involves only few locally interacting qubits.
For example, in the spin chain.

$$H = - \sum_{\substack{\langle n,m \rangle \\ \sigma, \sigma'}} (J_x S_n^x S_m^x + J_y S_n^y S_m^y + J_z S_n^z S_m^z) + \sum_n B_n S_n^z$$

We need to perform long enough sequence of C-not interactions

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If the little h's involve only several body interactions as e.g for spin chains

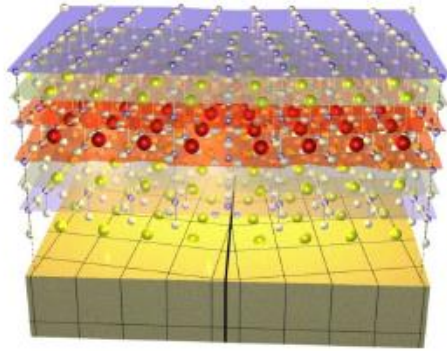
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The number of gates scales only polynomials with the number of spins.

- ❑ Indeed quantum simulations could be the first main application of a quantum computer!!
- ❑ *Drawback:* at the moment we have “QC’s” with around O(10) qubits.

QUANTUM SIMULATION ANALOG

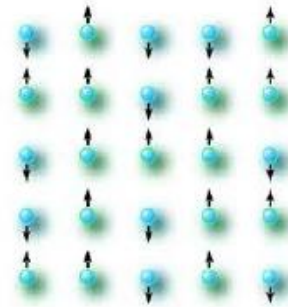
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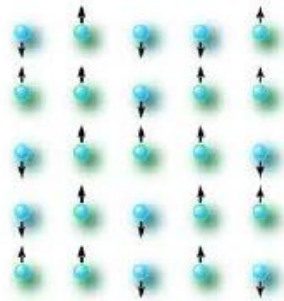


Physical Hamiltonian

$$H = \dots$$

Example: Hubbard model in 2D:
$$H = -t \sum_{k,\sigma} c_{k\sigma}^\dagger c_{k\sigma} + V \sum_k n_{k\uparrow} n_{k\downarrow}$$

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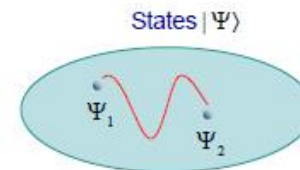
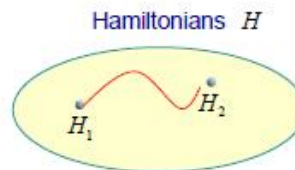


$$H = \dots$$

□ Questions:

- Dynamics: $|\Psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Psi(0)\rangle$
- Ground state: $H |\Psi_0\rangle = E_0 |\Psi_0\rangle$

Adiabatic algorithms



- Physical properties: $\langle \sigma_n \rangle, \langle \sigma_n \sigma_m \rangle, \dots$

Next we Focus mostly on Analog simulation examples.

Quantum simulations

Why shouldn't we just use the system itself?

- ❑ We would like to know if a toy model captures the expected physics.
e.g. Does fermionic 2-D Hubbard model manifest's high-T_c superconductivity?
- ❑ Design new materials.
- ❑ Fundamental effects that are extremely difficult to test, are potentially observable in analog systems.

Example: Spins-chains, Fermions and Bosons

▪ Bosons/Fermions:
$$H = - \sum_{\substack{\langle n,m \rangle \\ \sigma, \sigma'}} (t_{\sigma, \sigma'} a_{n, \sigma}^\dagger a_{m, \sigma'} + h.c) + \sum_{\substack{n \\ \sigma, \sigma'}} U_{\sigma, \sigma'} a_{n, \sigma}^\dagger a_{n, \sigma'}^\dagger a_{n, \sigma'} a_{n, \sigma}$$

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CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

Origin of High-TC SUPERCONDUCTIVITY ??

Example: Abelian U(1): QED

$$\alpha_{QED} \ll 1, \quad V_{QED}(r) \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

At low energies we don't need second quantization to understand the structure of atoms.

$$m_e c^2 \gg E_{Rydberg} \simeq \alpha_{QED}^2 m_e c^2$$

In HEP scattering, perturbation theory (Feynman diagrams)

Works well.



$(g-2)/2 = 1\,159\,652\,180.73 (0.28) \times 10^{-12}$
anomalous electron magnetic moment
Harvard ion trapping Group

Non-abelian: QCD

$$\alpha_{QCD} > 1, V_{QCD}(r) \propto r$$

confinement !

=> structure of Hadrons: quark pairs form Mesons ,
triplets form Baryons.

Color Electric flux-tubes: “a non-abelian Meissner effect”.




Lattice gauge theory

Main tool to extract non-perturbative physics!

... but:

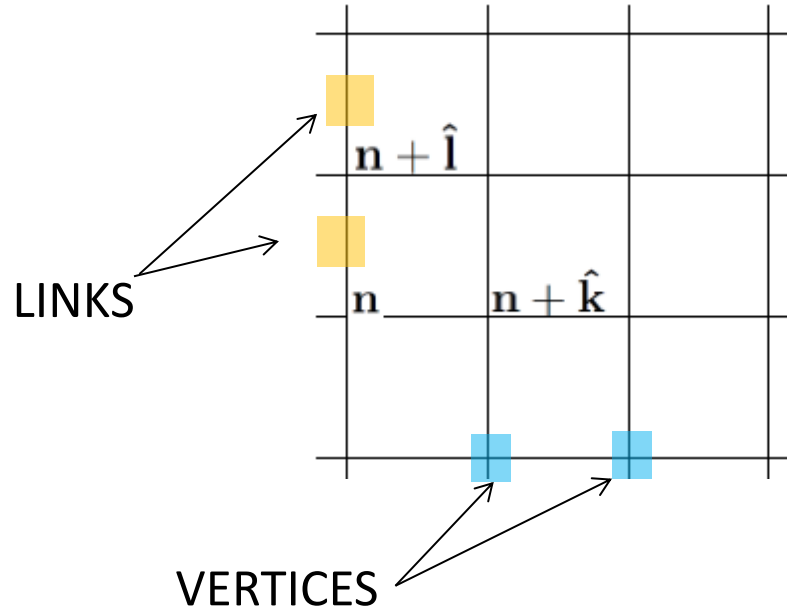
($Z_{lattice}$ is obtained by Monte Carlo “sampling”)

- ❑ Correlations but not **time-dependence**:
e.g. no test of confinement with dynamic matter pair creation (vacuum instability) in a strong field. 
- ❑ Problems with too many (fermions) quarks
Computationally hard: the “**sign problem**”.
(e.g. in exotic phases: color superconductivity, Quark-Gluon plasma.)

LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

DEGREES OF FREEDOM

Gauge field degrees of freedom:
U(1), SU(N), etc, unitary matrices



Matter degrees of freedom :
Spinors

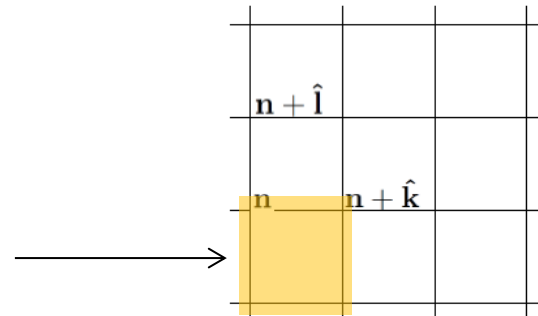
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Example: Gauge fields and matter on a Lattice

Gauge field dynamics (Kogut-Susskind Hamiltonian):

$$H_E = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{k}, a} (E_{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{k}})_a (E_{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{k}})_a$$

$$H_B = -\frac{1}{g^2} \sum_{\text{plaquettes}} \left(\text{Tr} \left(U_1 U_2 U_3^\dagger U_4^\dagger \right) + h.c. \right)$$



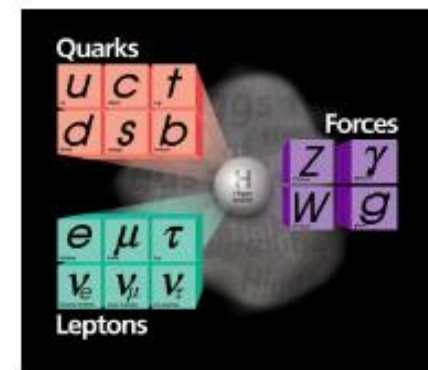
Strong coupling limit: $g \gg 1$

Weak coupling limit: $g \ll 1$

HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS?

Structure of Matter?

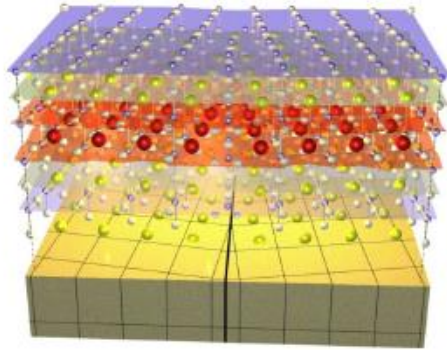
Confinement of Quarks to
mesons and baryons?



What Possible Simulating Systems?

Simulating systems?

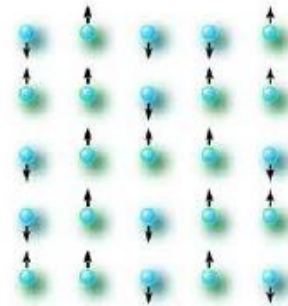
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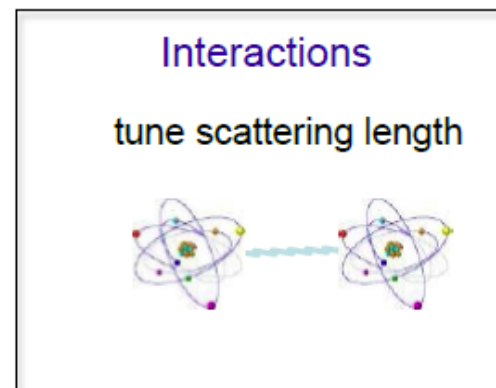
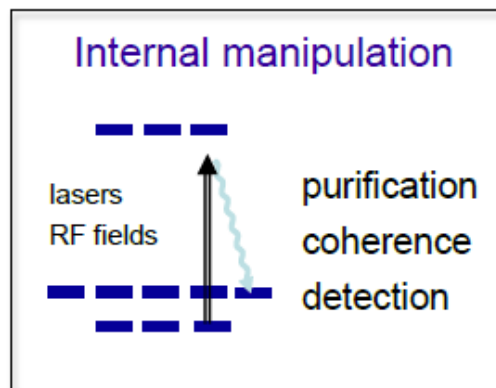
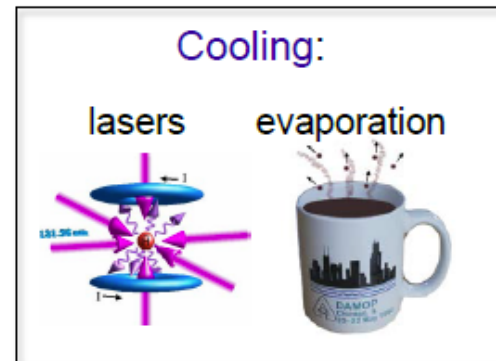
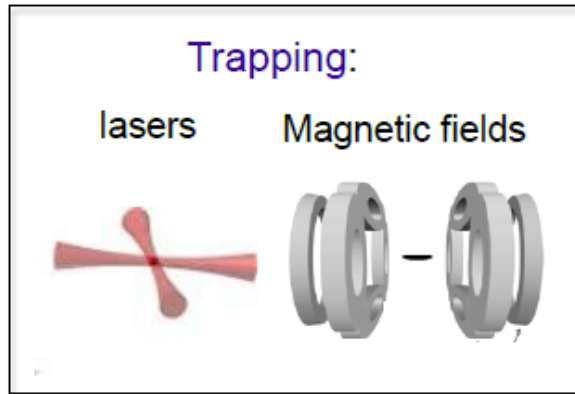
Should be a highly controllable,

There are many proposals and ideas :

- Condensates BECs
- **Atoms in optical lattices**
- Rydberg Atoms
- **Trapped Ions**
- Superconducting Quantum Circuits
- NV centers
- ...

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- Control: External fields

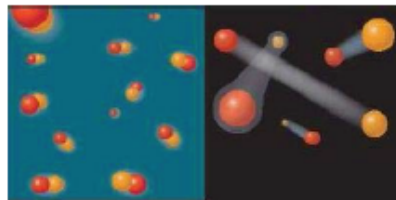
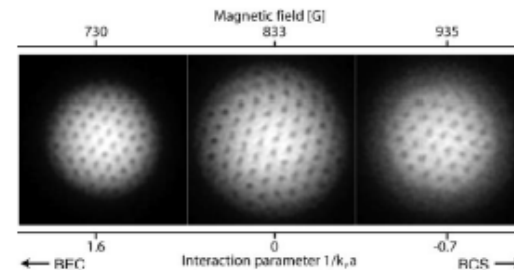
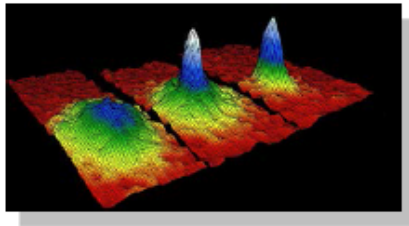


COLD ATOMS

▣ Many-body phenomena

- Degeneracy: bosons and fermions (BE/FD statistics)
- Coherence: interference, atom lasers, four-wave mixing, ...
- Superfluidity: vortices
- Disorder: Anderson localization
- Fermions: BCS-BEC

+ many other phenomena



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- Laser standing waves: dipole-trapping

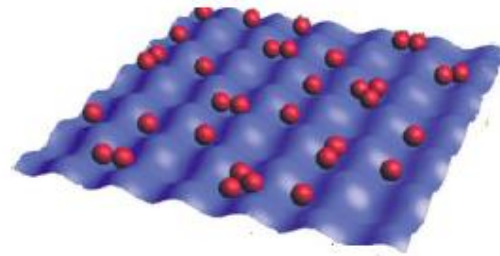
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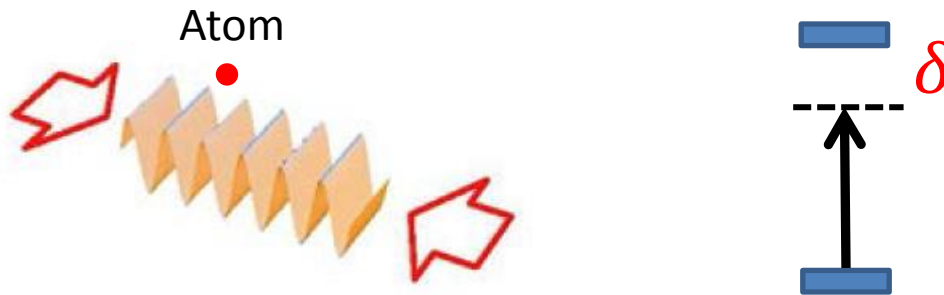
Cold Bosonic Atoms in Optical Lattices

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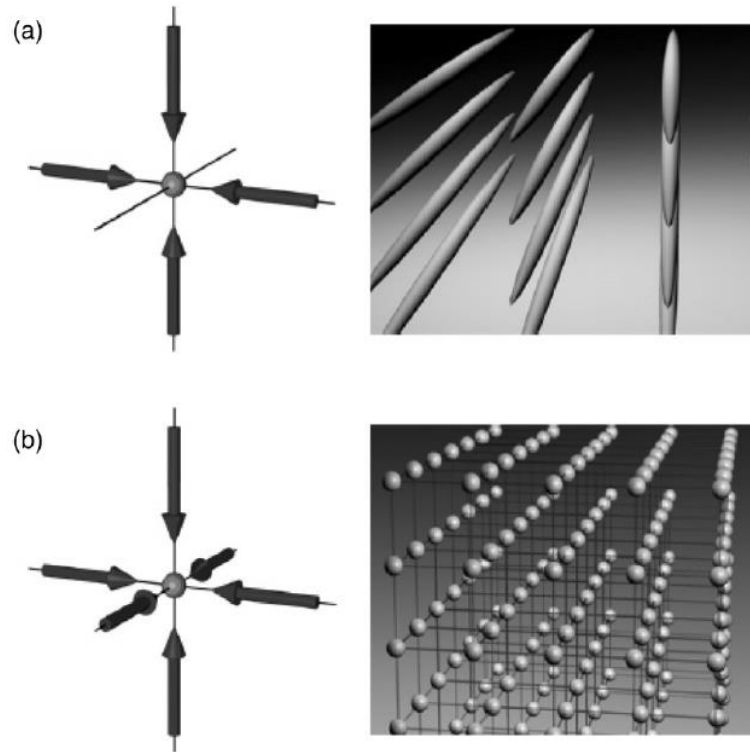
In the presence $\mathbf{E}(r, t)$ the atoms has a time dependent dipole moment $d(t) = \alpha(\omega) \mathbf{E}(r, t)$ of some non resonant excited states.

Stark effect:

$$V(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \Delta E(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha(\omega) \langle \mathbf{E}(r, t) \mathbf{E}(r, t) \rangle / \delta$$

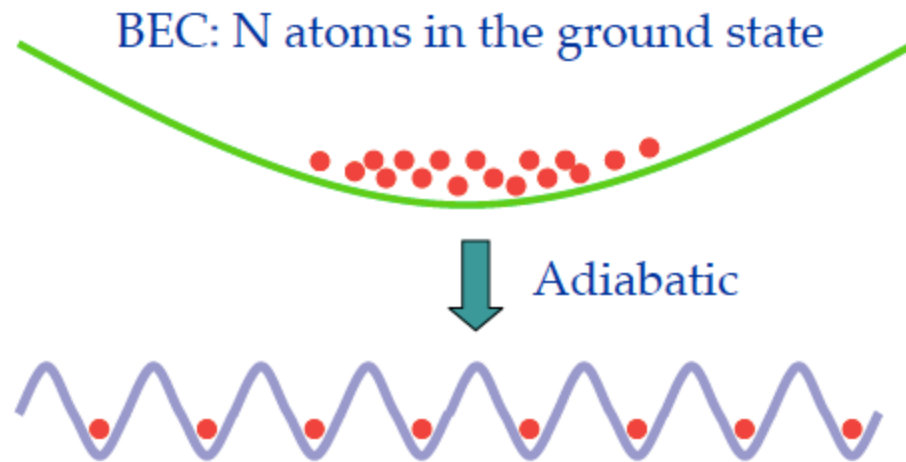
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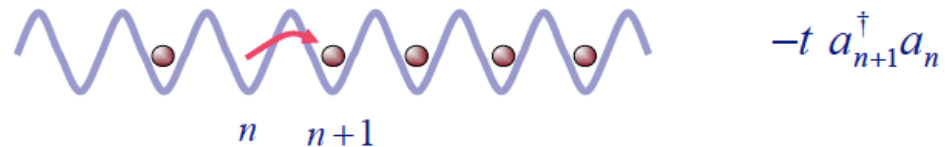
(a) 2d array of effective 1d traps
(b) 3d square lattice

Loading an optical lattice

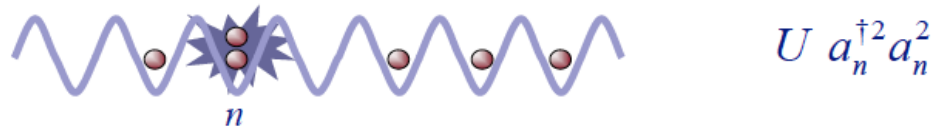


Bose Hubbard Interactions

- Atoms may tunnel to neighboring sites:



- Atoms in the same site interact:



Atoms in optical lattices realize the Bose-Hubbard model:

$$H = -t \sum_n (a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} + h.c.) + U \sum_n a_n^{\dagger 2} a_n^2$$

Quantum Phase transition: superfluid to insulator

- Weak interactions: $t \gg U$

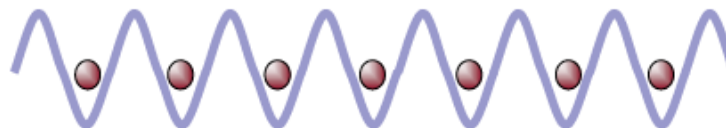
All atoms tend to delocalize, occupying the same state \rightarrow BEC (superfluid)



$$|\Psi\rangle : |\varphi_{k=0}\rangle^{\otimes N} \equiv \left(\sum_n a_n^\dagger \right)^N |\text{vac}\rangle$$

- Strong interactions: $U \gg t$

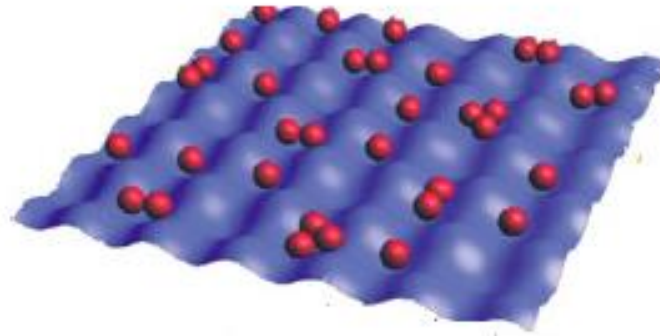
Atoms tend to occupy different sites \rightarrow MOTT or Tonks



$$|\Psi\rangle : a_1^\dagger a_2^\dagger \dots a_N^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle$$

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The field is rapidly advancing!

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Experimental Demonstration of Single-Site Addressability in a Two-Dimensional Optical Lattice

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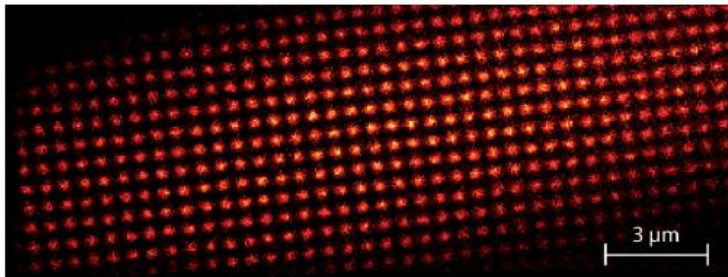


FIG. 1 (color online). Electron microscope image of a Bose-Einstein condensate in a 2D optical lattice with 600 nm lattice spacing (sum obtained from 260 individual experimental realizations). Each site has a tubelike shape with an extension of 6 μm perpendicular to the plane of projection. The central lattice sites contain about 80 atoms.

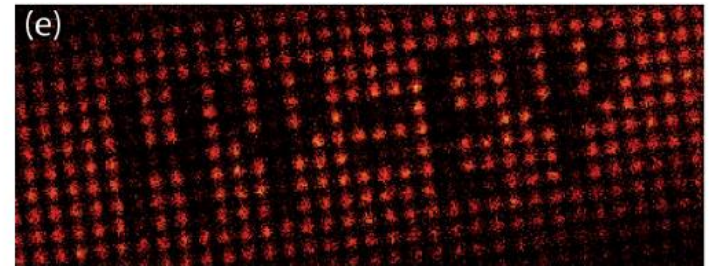


FIG. 2 (color online). Patterning a Bose-Einstein condensate in a 2D optical lattice with a spacing of 600 nm. Every emptied site was illuminated with the electron beam (7 nA beam current, 100 nm FWHM beam diameter) for (a),(b) 3, (c),(d) 2, and (e) 1.5 ms, respectively. The imaging time was 45 ms. Between 150 and 250 images from individual experimental realizations have been summed for each pattern.

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A quantum gas microscope for detecting single atoms in a Hubbard-regime optical lattice

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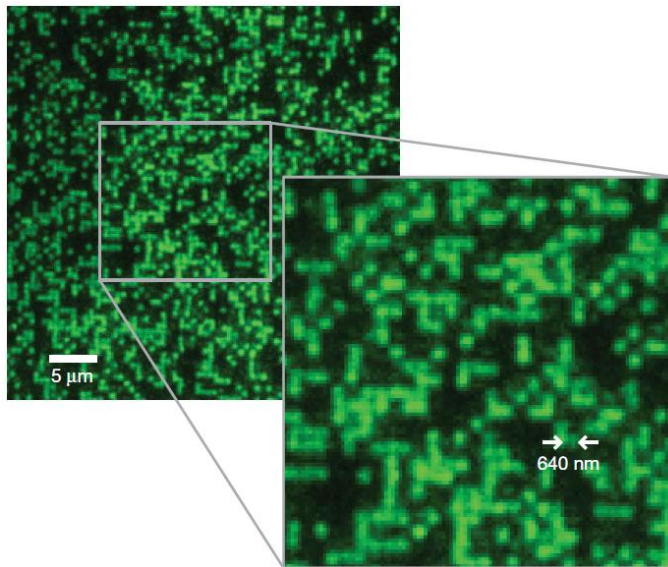


Figure 3 | Site-resolved imaging of single atoms on a 640-nm-period optical lattice, loaded with a high density Bose–Einstein condensate. Inset, magnified view of the central section of the picture. The lattice structure and the discrete atoms are clearly visible. Owing to light-assisted collisions and molecule formation on multiply occupied sites during imaging, only empty and singly occupied sites can be seen in the image.

mined through preparation and measurement. By implementing a high-resolution optical imaging system, single atoms are detected with near-unity fidelity on individual sites of a Hubbard-regime optical lattice. The lattice itself is generated by projecting a holographic mask through the imaging system. It has an arbitrary geometry, chosen to support both strong tunnel coupling between lattice sites and strong on-site confinement. Our approach can be

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Single-spin addressing in an atomic Mott insulator

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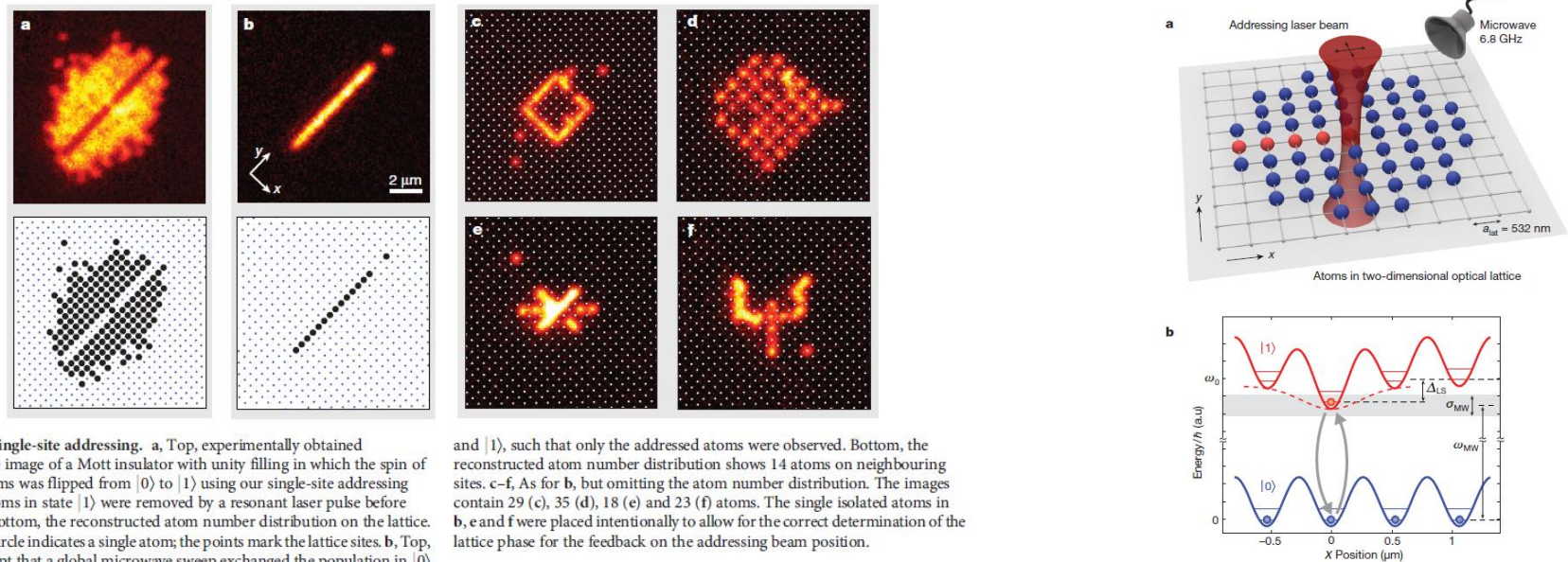
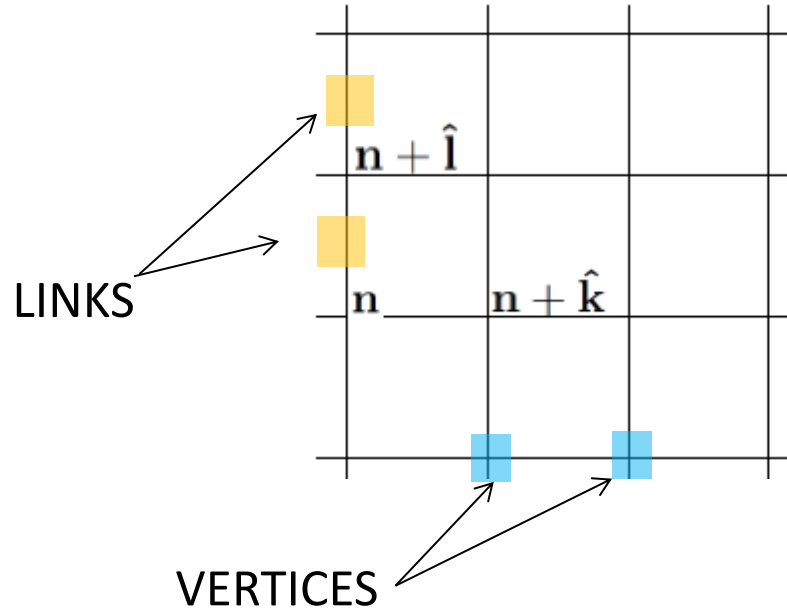


Figure 2 | Single-site addressing. a, Top, experimentally obtained fluorescence image of a Mott insulator with unity filling in which the spin of selected atoms was flipped from $|0\rangle$ to $|1\rangle$ using our single-site addressing scheme. Atoms in state $|1\rangle$ were removed by a resonant laser pulse before detection. Bottom, the reconstructed atom number distribution on the lattice. Each filled circle indicates a single atom; the points mark the lattice sites. b, Top, as for a except that a global microwave sweep exchanged the population in $|0\rangle$

and $|1\rangle$, such that only the addressed atoms were observed. Bottom, the reconstructed atom number distribution shows 14 atoms on neighbouring sites. c–f, As for b, but omitting the atom number distribution. The images contain 29 (c), 35 (d), 18 (e) and 23 (f) atoms. The single isolated atoms in b, e and f were placed intentionally to allow for the correct determination of the lattice phase for the feedback on the addressing beam position.

LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

Gauge field degrees of freedom:
 $U(1)$, $SU(N)$, etc, unitary matrices



Matter degrees of freedom :
Spinors

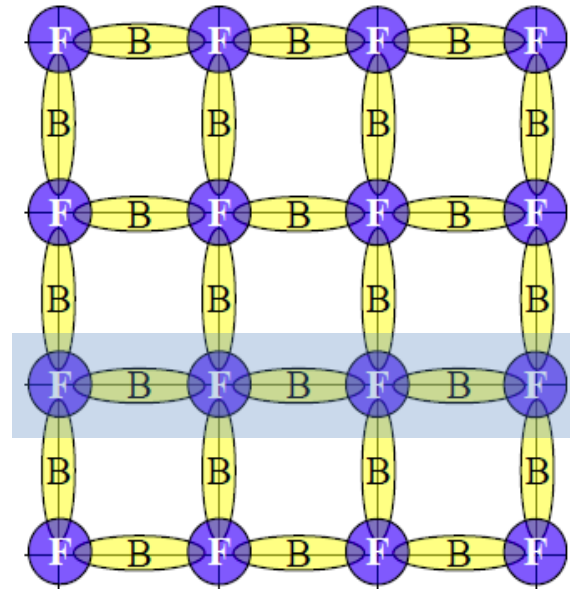
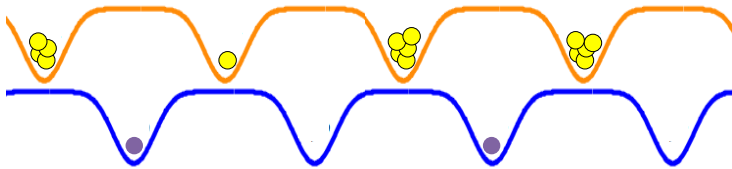
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QUANTUM SIMULATION OF LATTICE GAUGE THEORY

COLD ATOMS

- Fermion matter fields
- Bosonic gauge fields

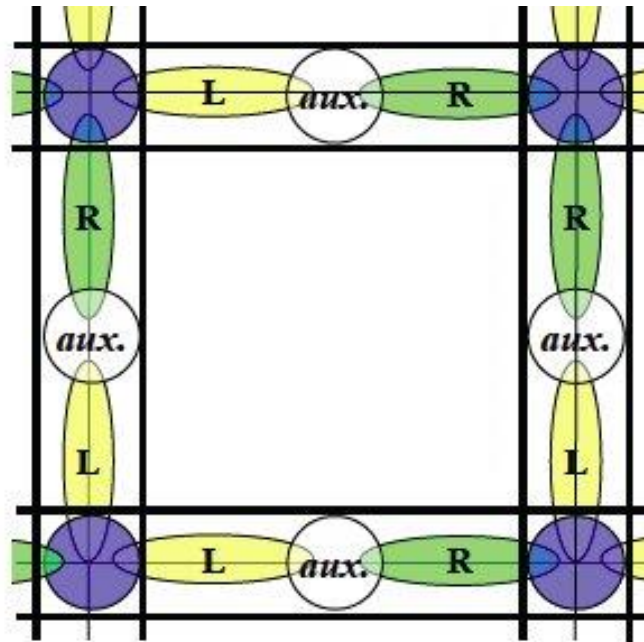
Super-lattice:



$$\psi_{\mathbf{n}} = (\psi_{\mathbf{n},a}) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\mathbf{n},1} \\ \psi_{\mathbf{n},2} \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \text{Atom internal levels}$$

QUANTUM SIMULATIONS OF NONABELIAN MODELS

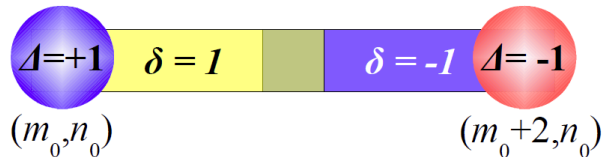
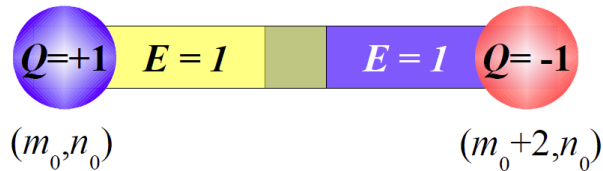
GENERAL STRUCTURE



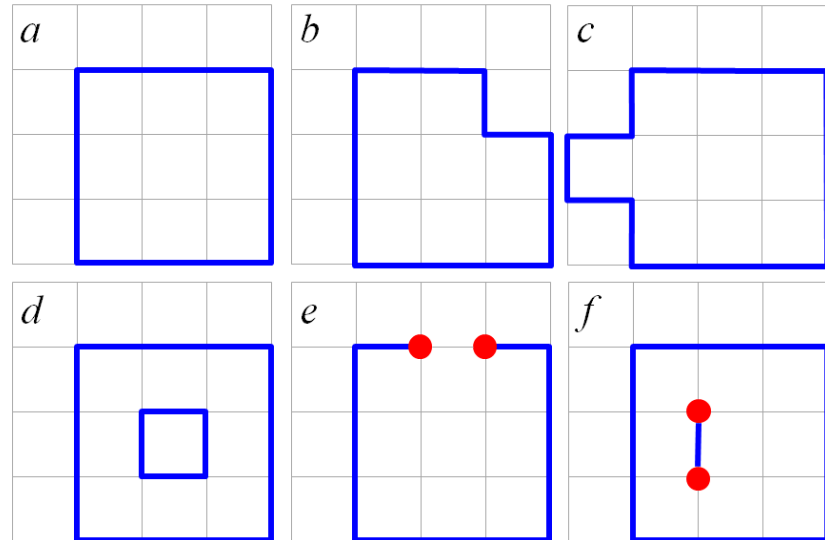
Each link has *left* and *right* degrees of freedom – forming together $SU(N)$ elements. The “relative rotation” corresponds to the non-abelian charge on the link.

Quark Confinement, flux breaking & glueballs

Electric flux tubes



Flux loops deforming and breaking effects



E. Zohar, BR, Phys. Rev. Lett. **107**, 275301 (2011)

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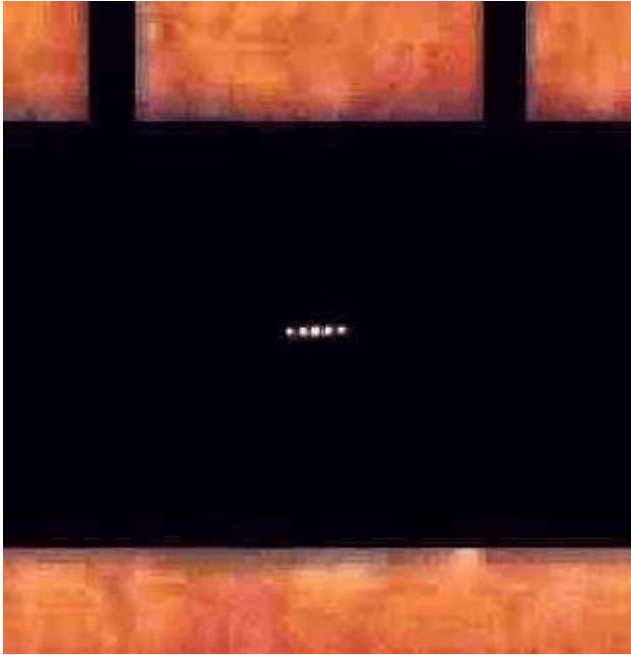
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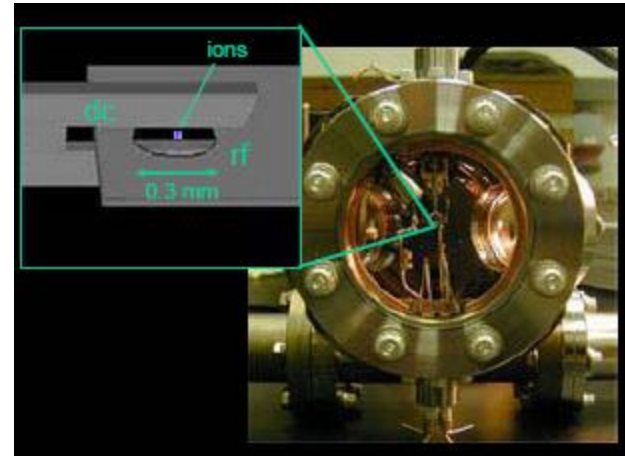
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Q. Simulations: Trapped Ions

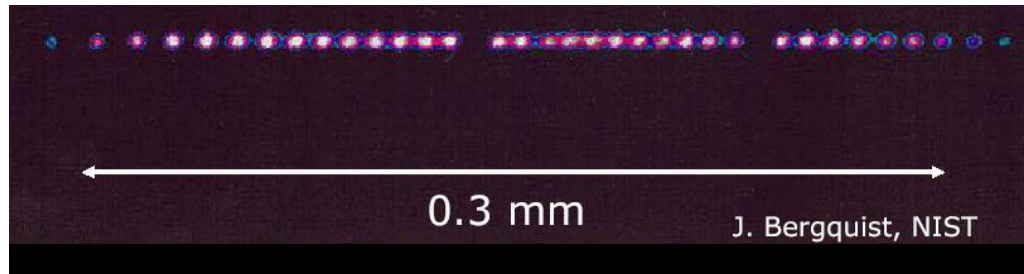
Trapped ions



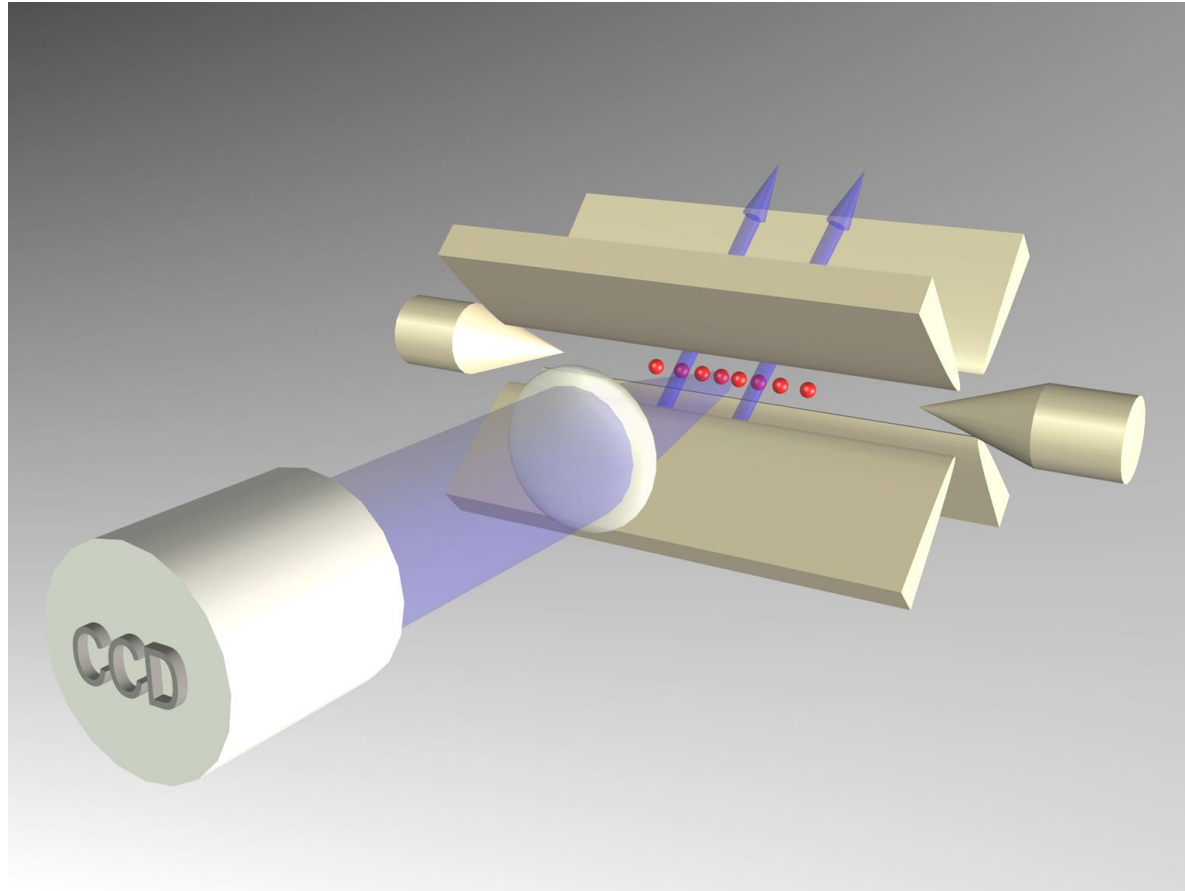
Five beryllium ions in a lithographically fabricated RF trap.
The separation between ions is about 10 microns.



The Michigan experiment.

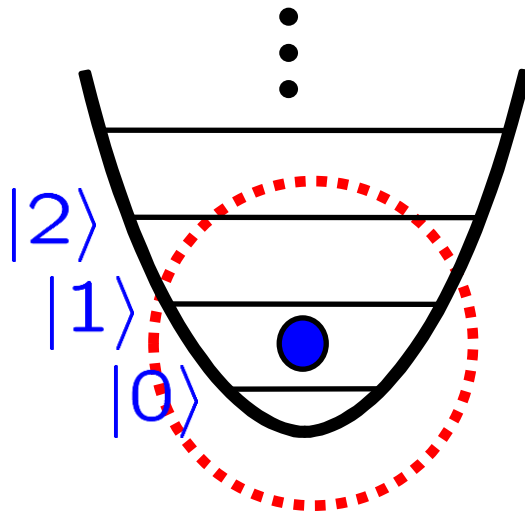


Linear Paul trap

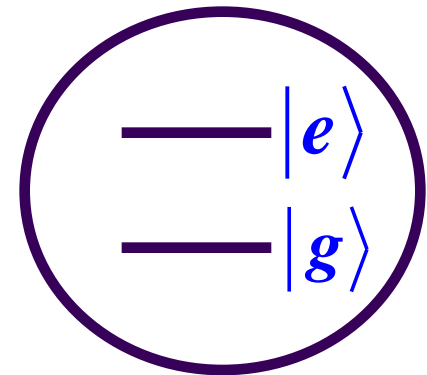


“Spin-like” states

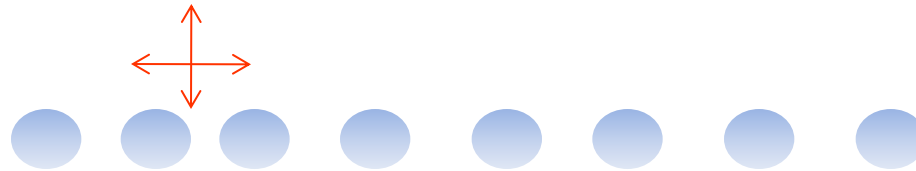
External states



Internal “Spin”



Motional states



Axial excitations



$$\beta \gg 1$$



Scalar phonons

Radial excitations



$$\beta < 1$$



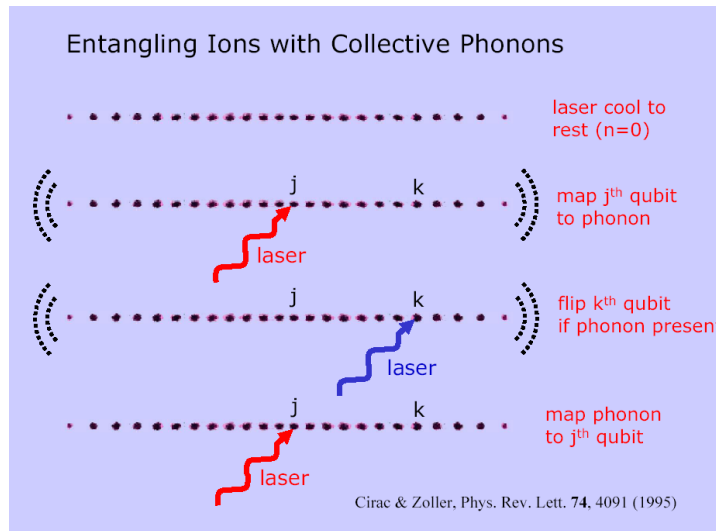
Localized phonons

$$\beta \equiv \frac{\text{Coulomb interaction}}{\text{Trapping potential}}$$

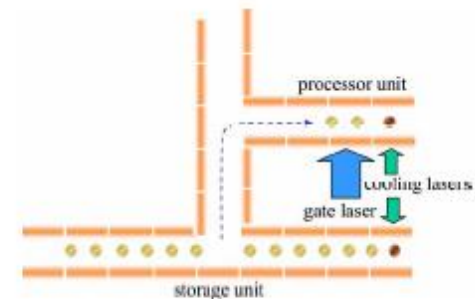
Cirac-Zoller scheme



$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \omega_i(t) \hat{\sigma}^{(i)} + \sum_{i,j=1}^N g_{ij}(t) \hat{\sigma}^{(i)} \cdot \hat{\sigma}^{(j)}$$



- Controlled sequence of gates
- Fidelity higher than 99% fidelity
- requires ground state cooling.
- Up to 10 ions.
- hard to scale-up.

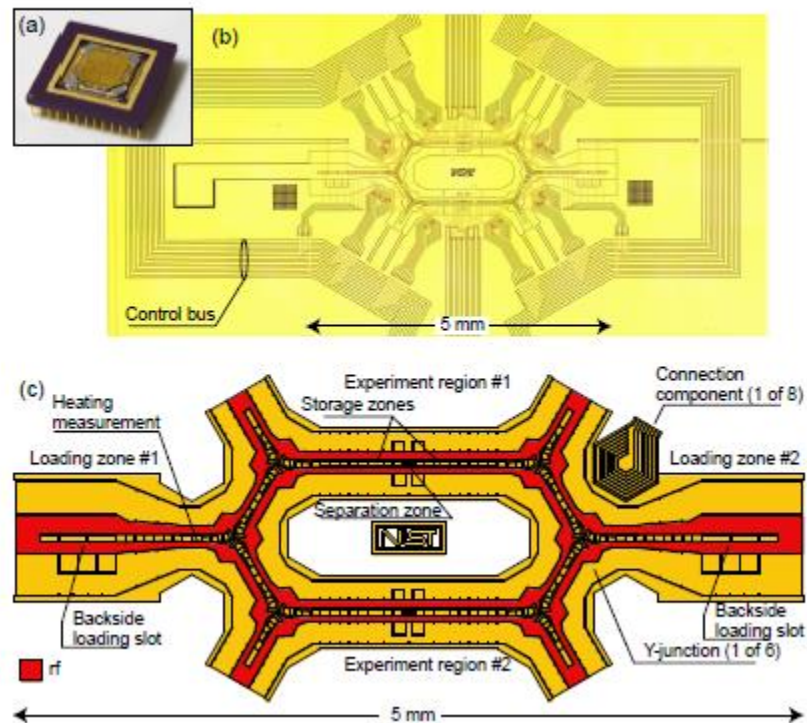


Cirac, Zoller, PRL (1995)

Scalable ion traps for quantum information processing

Scalable ion traps

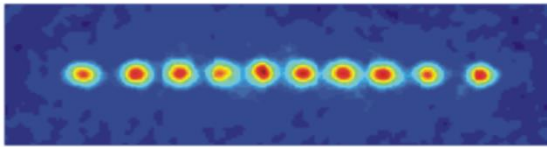
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D. Wineland's group NIST, 2009.

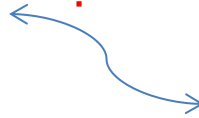
... =>Road map for quantum computing

Quantum simulations?



trapped ion “crystal”

?



- Using Nature’s given interactions
- Engineer the interaction, e.g.:

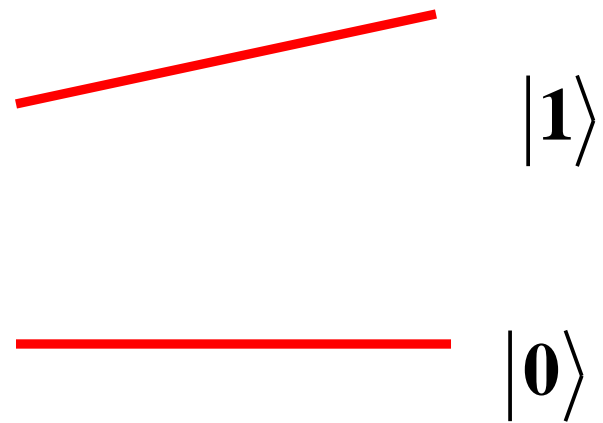
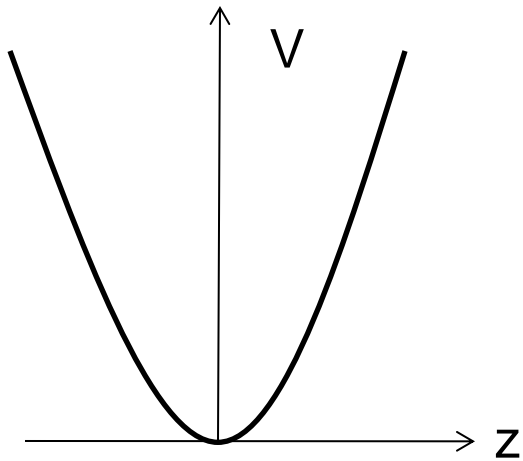
Bose-Hubbard , and xy models:

$$H_{BH} = -t \sum_n (a_n^\dagger a_{n+1} + h.c) + U \sum_n a_n^\dagger a_n^2$$
$$H_{XY} = \lambda \sum_i \sigma_z^i + \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \left(\sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + \sigma_y^i \sigma_y^j \right)$$

Spin-position coupling

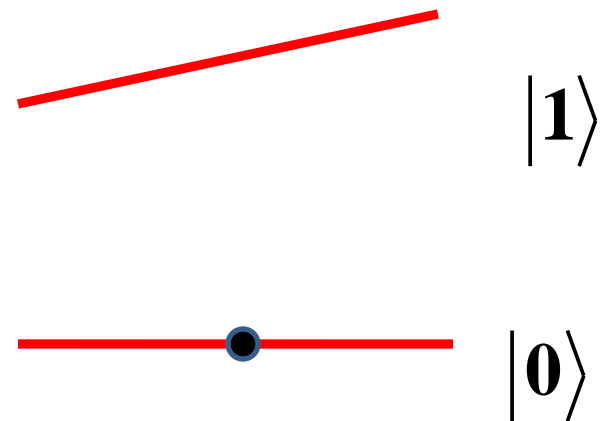
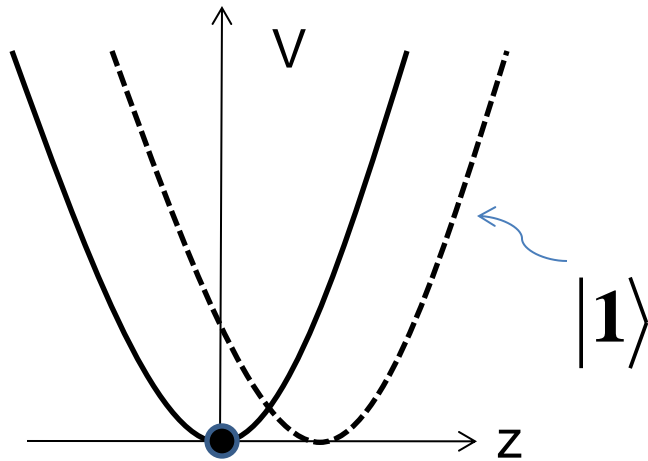


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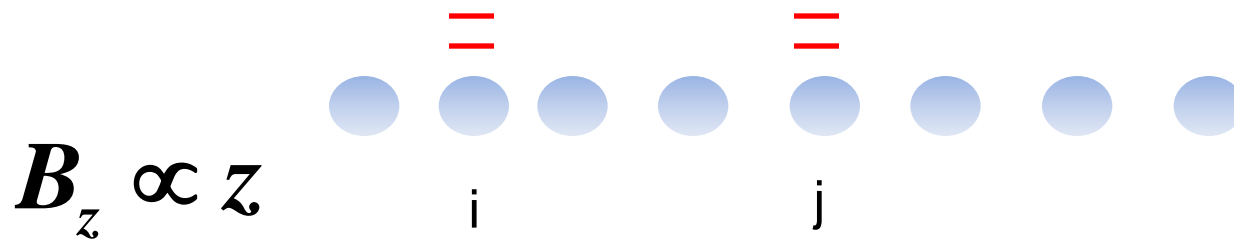
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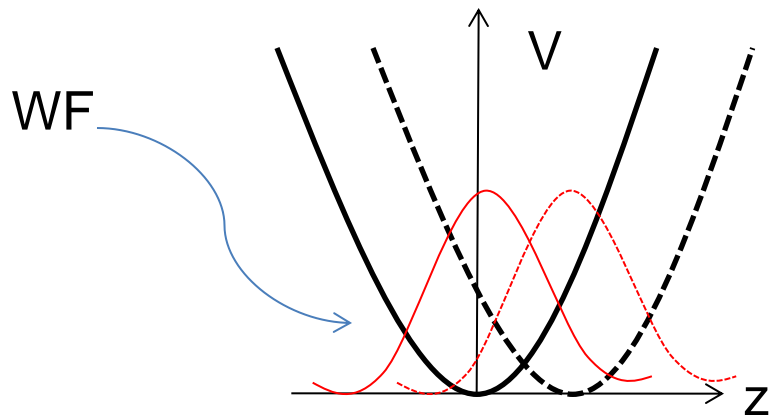
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$$H_{eff} = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j$$

Spin-Spin coupling

Phonon not excited!



The shift in position is small
Compared with the WF width.

$$\approx |s\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle$$

- An example of the general phenomena of adiabatic elimination of fast degree of freedom (phonons)

Spin-Chain models

- Less sensitive to the motional states, ground state cooling not required.

$$H_{eff} = \lambda \sum_i \sigma_x^i + \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j$$

Transverse Ising

$$H_{eff} = \lambda \sum_i \sigma_z^i + \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} (\sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + \sigma_y^i \sigma_y^j)$$

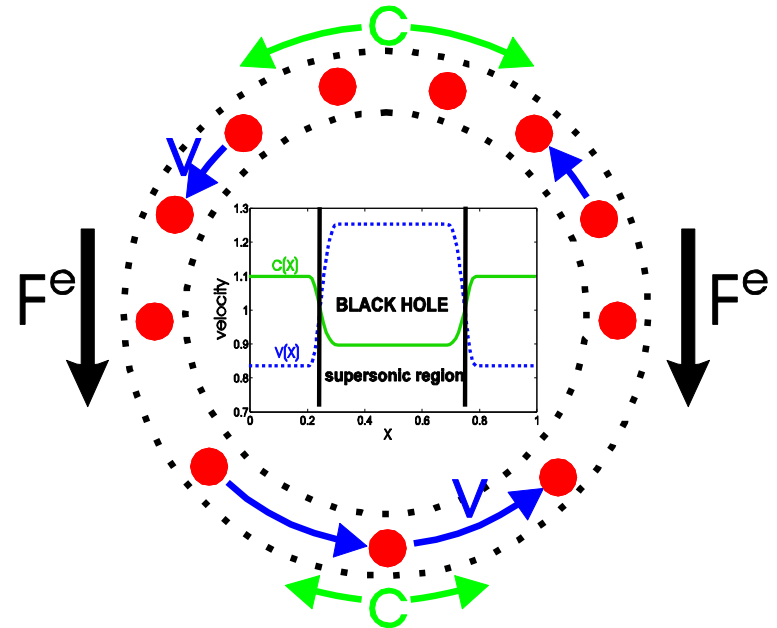
XY -Model

- For the radial mode mediators $J_{ij} \approx \frac{1}{(i-j)^3}$
- Can be more localized in microtraps

Gravity: discrete BH analogue with Ions in a ring trap

Inhomogeneous, but stationary velocity profile $v(\theta)$.

The necessary (de-)acceleration of the ions is guaranteed by a force F^e on the ions.



Harmonic oscillations around the equilibrium motion are phonons with velocities $c(\theta) \propto (v(\theta))^{-1/2}$.

When v increases the sound velocity decreases and a Black and White horizons can form.

Can Hawking radiation be detected in such simulators?

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